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1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MINISTERS OF STATE,
MINISTERS AND STATE SECRETARIES APPOINTED BY PRIME
MINISTER MESSMER MARCH 1 (PARTY AFFILIATION GIVEN
WITHIN PARENTHESES):

MINISTERS OF STATE:

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MINISTER OF JUSTICE: JEAN TAITTINGER (UDR)
MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCES: VALERY GISCARD'S D'ESTAING (IR)
MINISTER OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT: OLIVIER
GUICHARD (UDR)
MINISTERS:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MICHEL JOBERT (NON PARLIAMENTARIAN)
INTERIOR: JACQUES CHIRAC (UDR)
ARMED FORCES: ROBERT GALLEY (UDR)
NATIONAL EDUCATION: JOSEPH FONTANET (CDP)
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT: RAYMOND MARCELLIN (IR)
CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT: ALAIN PEYREFITTE
(UDR)
PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS: HUBERT GERMAIN (UDR)
LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION: GEORGES GOSE (UDR)
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY: MICHEL PONIATOWSKI (IR)
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: JEAN ROYER (NO PARTY AFFILIATION)
INFORMATION: JEAN-PHILIPPE LECAT (UDR)
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE: YVES GUENA (UDR)
STATE SECRETARIES:
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES: JOSEPH COMITI (UDR)
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: CHRISTIAN PONCELET (UDR)
BUDGET: HENRI TORRE (UDR)
HOUSING: CHRISTIAN BONNET (IR)
TRANSPORT: AYMAR-ACHILLE-FOULD (CDP)
FOREIGN AFFAIRS: JEAN DE LIPKOWSKI (UDR)
VETERANS AFFAIRS: ANDRE BORD (UDR)
YOUTH AND SPORTS: PIERRE MAZEAUD (UDR)
NATIONAL EDUCATION: JACQUES LIMOUZY (UDR)
AGRICULTURE: JEAN-FRANCOIS DENIAU (NON PARLIAMENTARIAN)
PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS: OLIVIER STIRN (UDR)
CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENT: PAUL DIJOURD (IR)
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY: MARIE-MADELEINE DIENESCH (UDR)

2. NEW GOVERNMENT IS SMALLER WITH FIFTEEN MINISTERS
INSTEAD OF TWENTY-TWO AND THIRTEEN STATE SECRETARIES
INSTEAD OF FIFTEEN. ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
PRESENT GOVERNMENT SERVED IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER
IN THE PREVIOUS ONE. THE PARTY BALANCE REMAINS THE
SAME AS BEFORE. GUICHARD AT TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT,
GISCARD AT FINANCE AND TAITTINGER AT JUSTICE RETAIN
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THE POSTS THEY HELD IN THE LAST GOVERNMENT. GUICHARD'S
PORTFOLIO IS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE TRANSPORT. EACH OF
THOSE MINISTERS HAS BEEN GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL PRESTIGE
TITLE OF MINISTER OF STATE. THE PORTFOLIOS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, ARMED FORCES, EDUCATION, LABOR, HEALTH AND
INFORMATION CONTINUE TO BE HELD BY THE SAME MINISTERS
AS IN THE PRECEDING GOVERNMENT. CHIRAC, FORMERLY
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND MARCELLIN, FORMERLY

INTERIOR MINISTER, HAVE EXCHANGED PORTFOLIOS. PEYREFITTE REPLACED DRUON AS MINISTER OF CULTURE. DRUON LEAVES THE GOVERNMENT. PEYREFITTE'S MINISTRY EXPANDS AND INCLUDES THE ENVIRONMENT, FORMERLY HELD BY POUJADE WHO LEAVES THE GOVERNMENT. GUENA, FORMERLY AT TRANSPORT, TAKES OVER A PORTFOLIO CONSISTING OF THE FORMER MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. CHARBONNEL, FORMERLY AT INDUSTRY, LEAVES THE GOVERNMENT AND ROYER, FORMERLY AT COMMERCE, TAKES POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, REPLACING GERMAIN WHO BECOMES MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS. OF THE IMPORTANT STATE SECRETARIES, DE LIPKOWSKI REMAINS AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACHILLE-FOULD GOES FROM DEFENSE TO TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, COMITI, FORMERLY MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS, BECOMES STATE SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, REPLACING STASI WHO IS DROPPED. STIRN REMAINS STATE SECRETARY FOR PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND BORD KEEPS HIS OLD JOB OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUT IS REDUCED IN RANK FROM MINISTER TO STATE SECRETARY IN DEFENSE MINISTRY.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MINISTERIAL CHANGES FOLLOWS.
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